

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Joh-E IKEDA et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed July 29, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_0980

APOPTOSIS INHIBITORY PROTEIN, GENE  
ENCODING THE PROTEIN AND cDNA THEREOF  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/705,872,  
Filed November 5, 2000)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows: